**Prices of anti-cancer drugs**

2999. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU; DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI: SHRI DHARANIDHAR BASUMATARI;

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be sed $t_0$ refe$_r$ to the Unstarred Question 2043 given in the Rajya fia on the 28th November, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the prices of anti-cancer medicines have gone up by 200 per cent despite duty concession;

(b) whether it is also a fact that prices of a number of non-scheduled drugs and medicine$_s$ have gon$_e$ up between 75 per cent to 200 per cent despite concession of custom duties on the intermediates going into the production of these drugs;

what wa$_s$ the price of each before the reduction $_0$f custom duty and what i$_s$ the present price;

(d) what is the percentage increase which his Ministry has noticed under DPCO, 1987 on each; and

(c) what are the details of the watch, his Ministry is keeping on the increase of prices and on what basis increase in each case is justified?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) As per the provisions of DPCO, in case of Non-Scheduled drugs, nanufacturers themselves determine the retail prices. However, ernment keeps a close watch and in cases of abnormal ■ease. Consequent to the conces-i on Custom duty/Excise Duty m on various drugs & drug inter-liates, the concerned manufacturers have heen advised to reduce the prices in line with the concession given in budget.

**Assessment ©f overcharged amounts**

3000. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2041 given in th$_e$ Rajya Sabha on the 28th November, 1988 and state;

(a) whether the special team set up by his Ministry has worked out the amount due against M/s. Merind, M/s. S. G. Pharmaceuticals and M/s. Tamilnadu Dadha and if so, what is the amount due and the names of drugs in respect of which it is due and the period for which it is due;

(b) what is the quantity of the bulk drugs and the rate at which the amount has been assessed;

fc) what were the prices of the bulk drugs before revision and what were the prices fixed after revision in respect of each bulk drug; and

(d) when were the prices of formulation based on these bulk drugs fixed under DPCO, 1979/1987 and when were these prices implemented and what was the price of each pack from April, 1P79 to the date of implementation t>f prices?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (d) The team has not yet submitted its Report in respect of these companies.

**Implementation of prices**

3001. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU; DR (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI " MAHISHI; Will the Minister of **INDUSTRY** be oleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred >n 2044 given in the • Rajy the 28th November, 198"

have eg "$^n$ that the main$^{l}$" ■ Court li $^{!}$d the prices; and

(b) what were the prices fixed under DPCO, 1979 when were these prices fixed and when were these prices implemented?